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ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, January 4, as follows: During the week ended January 2, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples:

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Dec. 29	Romanic.....	Boston.....	551	110	843	17
30	Germania.....	New York.....	474	100	880	18

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Nagasaki declared clean—Summary of plague in Formosa.

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, December 19, as follows:

Week ended December 12, 1903: Five vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 588 crew and 637 passengers, were inspected; 155 steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing was disinfected.

For the above period contagious diseases were reported in Yokohama as follows: Enteric fever, 4 cases, no deaths; diphtheria, 10 cases, 1 death. For a period of three weeks no new cases of plague have been reported in this city.

The city of Nagasaki, where recently a threatening outbreak of cholera developed, is now regarded as a clean port. Press reports state that plague bacilli were discovered in the bodies of three rats in Tokyo on December 8. I am not aware, however, that any cases of human plague or cholera have occurred for several weeks past in Japan (excluding Formosa).

A case of plague was reported as occurring in Formosa as lately as December 15, thus making the total in that island for the present year 869 cases, with 702 deaths.

Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.

AFRICA—*Lourenço Marques*.—Month of October, 1903. Estimated population, 7,000. Total number of deaths, 61, including 9 from tuberculosis.

Sierra Leone.—Two weeks ended December 11, 1903. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 31. No contagious diseases.

CANADA—*British Columbia—Vancouver*.—Month of December, 1903. Estimated population, 29,000. Number of deaths not reported. No deaths from contagious diseases reported.

Quebec—*Sherbrooke*.—Month of December, 1903. Estimated popu-